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SUBJECT: MAY 1978 VISIT OF MOROCCAN TRADE DELEGATION

REFS: A. USDOC 06867 B. CASABLANCA 0559 C. CASABLANCA
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1. USDOC REGRETS IF IMPRESSION GIVEN IN REF A THAT
DELEGATION WOULD NOT BE CORDIALLY AND APPROPRIATELY
RECEIVED DURING WASHINGTON VISIT. USDOC INTENTION, IN
INTEREST OF AVOIDING CONFUSION AND MISUNDERSTANDING, WAS
MERELY TO CLARIFY THAT IT WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO UNDER-
TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OVERALL PLANNING AND SUPERVISION
OF DELEGATION'S U.S. VISIT. USDOC WILL BE PLEASED TO HOLD
AFTERNOON BRIEFING, CHAIRED BY CAGNE DIRECTOR HALE ON
THURSDAY, MAY 18, FOR DELEGATION WITH PARTICIPANTS OF
STATE AND OTHER INTERESTED AGENCIES. WE UNDERSTAND THAT
DELEGATION WILL BE RECEIVED AT MOROCCAN EMBASSY THAT
MORNING.

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2. COPY OF REF C HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO JOHN HABBERTON
OF BCIU IN TELCON WITH CAGNE OFFICE. HABBERTON SAID HE
WOULD ATTEMPT TO PAIR UP DELEGATION MEMBERS WITH APPROPRI-
ATE U.S. FIRMS AND APPOINTMENTS MORNING OF TUESDAY, MAY 16,
IN NEW YORK. HE IS HOPEFUL THAT SIMILAR APOINTMENTS CAN

BE ARRANGED FOR FRIDAY, MAY 19 IN CHICAGO BY CHICAGO

ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (CACI). HABBERTON UNDERSTANDS HOWEVER THAT SOME APPOINTMENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ARRANGED IN CHICAGO WITH UNIDENTIFIED BUSINESSMEN. WHOEVER SETS UP FURTHER CHICAGO APPOINTMENTS WHETHER CACI, BCIU OR ANOTHER ORGANIZATION, SHOULD BE INFORMED OF APPOINTMENTS ALREADY ARRANGED TO PREVENT EMBARRASSMENT AND DUPLICATION. HABBERTON STATED FURTHER THAT BCIU COULD NOT REPEAT NOT PROVIDE FURTHER SERVICE IN ARRANGING DELEGATION'S PROGRAM BEYOND SETTING UP THE APPOINTMENTS IN NEW YORK (AND POSSIBLY IN CHICAGO) DESCRIBED ABOVE.

3. FOLLOWING IS DELEGATION NEW YORK SCHEDULE AS UNDERSTOOD BY HABBERTON:

MONDAY, MAY 15

10:00 A.M. - MEETING WITH CITIBANK
11:00 A.M. - MEETING WITH AMERICAN IMPORTS ASSOCIATION
12 NOON - LUNCH WITH CITIBANK
1:30 P.M. - MEETING WITH NEW YORK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

MORNING - BCIU-ARRANGED APPOINTMENTS
10-11 A.M. - APPOINTMENTS WITH OR ARRANGED BY AGRIBUSINESS
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COUNCIL FOR SELECTED MEMBERS OF DELEGATION
LUNCH - HOSTED BY AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR FIVE
LEADERS OF DELEGATION WITH ABOUT 50 MEMBERS OF AMERICAN
ARAB CHAMBER

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

VISIT INTERNATIONAL LEATHER GOODS SHOW

4. CONGEN PLEASE CABLE SOONEST UPDATE ITINERARY OF
DELEGATION AND DETAILS ON MEETINGS ARRANGED FROM CASABLANCA
FOR DELEGATION AND MEMBERS THEREOF IN NEW YORK AND CHICAGO.
INCIDENTALLY, HABBERTON CHECKED WITH DORAL INN IN NEW
YORK AND LEARNED THAT ONLY 15 DOUBLES AND 6 SINGLES HAD
BEEN RESERVED. HAVE THE OTHER MEMBERS OF DELEGATION
MADE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS? VANCE

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